

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council October 11, 2021

held at the council room of the City Office building at 9478 S Morey Rd, McBain MI, at 7:00pm

Present: Mayor Roberts, Heethuis, M. Smith, Kubiak, Lutke, Mike King, Warren, D. Heuker, H. Heuker, D. Smith, Faye Walker, Herb and Mary Bronkema, Ken Mlcek

Absent: none

Called to Order: by Mayor Roberts at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by D. Smith

- Motion by Smith, supported by Heethuis to approve the amended agenda, strike Networks Northwest and Viking and insert Herb and Mary Bronkema, and Ken Mlcek, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to approve the September 13 meeting minutes with the amendment to give credit to D. Smith for comments mentioned under Lutke's report, approved 6-0.

Mayor Roberts and the City Council presented Herb and Mary Bronkema with a plaque showing our appreciation and recognizing them for all the work they did on our new City Hall building. Thank you so much for all your time and effort!

Treasurer Report: New financials format from BS&A program. About 20 tax bills are delinquent.

Clerk Report: Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to approve Jill Geeseman, Lori Warren and Faye Lutke as our election inspectors for the November 2, 2021, city election, approved 6-0. Motion by Lutke, supported by Kubiak to approve 2 more BS&A training days to learn cash receipting and budget programs, these will be available at the beginning of our next fiscal year, approved 6-0.

Zoning Report: none

Public input: none

Ken Mlcek presented the USDA Draw #4 and the DWRP draw invoices, Motion by Smith, supported by Lutke to request the funds from USDA to cover these expenses, approved 6-0. Motion by Lutke, supported by Kubiak to approve the DWRP draw, approved 6-0.

Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to approve the financials as presented by the treasurer, approved 6-0.

DPW Report:

- Door locks: The wiring is in place for electronic control of outside door locks. The cost of connecting these is \$3000.00. Lutke stated that we can now move forward with this project, Motion by Lutke, supported by Kubiak to install the electronic control door locks, approved 6-0.
- Cracks were sealed on Cherry and Gerwoude so that bill will be coming.
- Christmas wreaths and garland will be artificial this year so that we can re-use them. Storage totes will be purchased.
- Ice rink will not be opened this year because of the repairs that need to be done to the cement so that it will hold water.

Old Business- none

New Business: Motion by Heuker, supported by Heethuis to approve the Cycle 3 Restatement paperwork that is complete for the Qualified Retirement Plan, approved 6-0.

Building Ownership- the title search isn't finished. Motion by Lutke, supported by Kubiak to table this until next month, approve 6-0.

Mayor's Report

- No meeting on October 21.
- Resolution for golf cart use in the city. Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith to approve the resolution as written by our attorney to approve golf cart use within the city, approved 6-0. This will be posted on the website if you would like to read the entire resolution.
- Mayor Roberts and Heuker will discuss building a semi-circle council table for meetings.
- Ken Mlcek and Roberts will attend the Rural Task force meeting on November 2 with proposed projects and requesting funds. Mayor Roberts has been talking with Senator Vanderwal to try to get money for the rest of the service line replacements that need to be done. He has also talked to Stabenow's office and will be approaching the county as well to see if they can use some the ARPA money they received to cover this.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Smith: utility committee has met to determine the actual cost of the employees working in the water/sewer departments of the city. The Labor rental costs have been established as the actual wages for each employee. These rates will be used for all departments.

Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Marcia Smith,
McBain City Clerk

Next meeting is November 8, 2021

